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Title:

Tire with multiple carcass reinforcement

plies having beads of specified structure

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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2003. A Petition for Extension of One Month accompanies this Response.

In the Action, the Examiner required the election of a single invention of the five inventions the Examiner identified in the application and claims.

Applicants elect the invention illustrated in Figure 1. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 read on the elected invention.

Claim 1 is generic to both the invention of Figure 1 and the invention of Figure 4. Claim 5 reads on the invention of Figure 4. If Claim 1 is allowed in a form generic to the invention of Figure 4, Applicants reserve the right have claim 5 considered as provided under 37 CFR § 1.141.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications for the non-elected inventions.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if there are any questions or to facilitate examination of the elected claims.

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